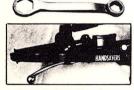


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Warning: The natural position of a motorcycle is laying on its side. This should be obvious by what kind of difficulty you have keeping the bike up on the stand when the front wheel is off. Sometimes I think it'd be best to hang the bike from the swingarm to work on it, of course I'd probably cure the whole problem by buying a decent bike stand. But you don't want to hear about my problems; you're just looking here for some sensible advice on how to avoid injury on one hand and possible legal action on the other. I'm here to tell you, it's very difficult. Don't take anything for granted, that's all. And ride smart. Very smart.

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## LAST OVER

#### THE OHIO ROAD

By Paul Clipper

I thought I could just see a little bit of gray peaking up from the horizon, but it was hard to make it out from all the fog. My nose was still smarting from the last time I pitched forward and whacked it into the steering wheel, but it happened again, and this time it hurt even worse.

I had long ago lost control of my neck, somewhere back around the West Virginia line, and my head was bobbing back and forth like one of those weird little bird toys that drink a glass of water. My eyes felt like they were full of sand. It would be so fine just to close them and pass out, but a semi was throwing a near-blinding spray of dirty water on the windshield, so I punched it and squirted past him.

There are a few things I don't like to do in this world, and the one item at the very top of the list is lose a night's sleep. Second to that is losing a night's sleep while driving all night long, and that was exactly what I was doing. I was heading to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the annual Dealernews Expo; Dan Sinkoff and I were sharing a booth at the show, and we had the van packed down with exhibit parts, magazines, and about a zillion ''Re-

pair Your Dented Pipe" and "Subscribe or Buy an Ad" fliers we were going to pass out.

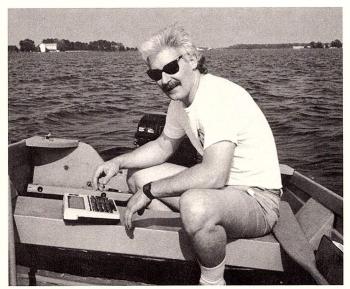
When we crossed the Ohio line, that's exactly where Dan was, too: passed out. He had crawled into the back of the van—in what little room we had for sleeping—and started sawing logs. A couple hours later his girlfriend had given up all hope too, so I was plowing through the fog along. All I hoped was that the show would be all we expected it to be, and that would make the trip worthwhile. And then I smacked my nose again.

But we drove all night (left at midnight, of course—no sense in losing a day of work) got there 11 hours later, got signed in, set up a neat booth and then collapsed. We were done and ready for the crowds by six o'clock Friday night, and I went up and took a 45-minute shower that pretty much aced all the hot water in the Clarion.

By anybody's estimation, this year's Cincinnatishow was lighter than it has been in the past. There just weren't as many people attending, but we can write that off to any number of environmental and logistical reason. For one, the first AMA National Enduro was happening that weekend—or at least it was supposed to happen. It got canceled due to snow, but it still did a great job of keeping a few guys away. Also the weather was horrible up north, with ice storms and snow

to drive through. The room wasn't packed to the rafters like it has been, but distributors there claim that the business was good, like everyone turning up was in a buying mood.

The big mystery before Cincinnati was whether MS Racing would be there or not. It was no secret that they were having problems, and some were speculating that this would be the first Cinci without the familiar MS logo. Talking to one of their reps, we learned just how close it had come—between being there and being out of business—but they were all there, with a



relieved look on their faces and a potential new owner for the company. Having MS go Chapter 11 before Cinci would have put a damper on the entire year, and been a foul omen to the industry. We hope they'll be back strong before long.

You had to look hard at Cinci to see what was new and different. Oh sure, all the clothing manufacturers had their new styles on hand, but aren't we really starting to get numb towards all that? Dave Leedberg says ''It's not how fast you go, it's how bright you glow!'' and he would have been in his element in Cinci. Zebra stripes and dayglo Spandex were everywhere.

Hardly any motorcycle manufacturers display at Cinci, since it's primarily an accessory show, but ATK was there, with a raft of bikes and a very upbeat attitude. They had a four stroke all rigged out with turn signals and lights, and when I asked Mark Scott about it he said they were selling it that way. I don't know if that means it's street legal (certainly it is in some states), but it was an attractive package.

Husaberg America was there, showing off that new four stroke that was put together by ex-Husqvarna factory employees in Sweden. It's a good looking machine. Kind of pricy, but since all the other magazines have had Husaberg tests already, you've probably already read up on it. The distributor is at 1305 Highway 61, Festus MO 63028, and the phone number is (314)937-

9166.

The White Brothers had a new generation four stroke with them as well. Called the "PBH", it's a Horst Leitner-designed (originator of the ATK anti-torque chain system), British-built Rotaxengined machine that looked pretty trick, but the White Bros probably weren't going to be bringing it in to the States.

By far the most radical machine was the one Ted DeVol had in his booth. He had a KX250 with solid aluminum/nylon composite wheels on it (no spokes!) and tubeless tires. It also had a

massive single-sided swingarm on it, with the rear brake disc doing double duty as the rear sprocket, and a single quick-change ring nut holding the wheel on the opposite side. Ted says the whole machine is a rolling experiment, but he'll be making the wheels to fit the popular MX bikes in the near future, and hopes he can retail them for around \$400 complete. Considering the cost of a complete spoke wheel assembly, that would be an excellent price.

Ted, by the way, is the owner/operator of DeVol Engineering, if you haven't guessed by now, and he is wildly enthusiastic about racing and making neat things out of aluminum. Nice guy, for an MX spode.

A few other things stand out in memory. Magura USA was there,

with the usual controls on display, and they also had a mountain bike fitted with hydraulically actuated caliper brakes. Pretty neat idea—they felt really smooth and strong. Koni America had a booth as well, selling those familiar old adjustable chrome oil shocks. They may not take the modern dirt bike world by storm, but more than a few dealers were circling Koni's name in the program, and making a mental note on where to get vintage bike shocks. Acerbis Plastic also had something new—plastic silencers. They claim to be much easier on the ears than aluminum or steel, since the plastic deadens the ''ring'' better than a metal can. Something to keep your eye on, anyhow.

So we handed out about 500 copies of the magazine there, and with any luck the word will spread about *Trail Rider*. We've been doing this for three years now, and the IRS wants to see us make it more than a ''hobby'', and so do we! If you don't subscribe, in other words, now's the time. Things are only going to get bigger and better from here.

We packed up what was left at four o'clock on Monday afternoon, and by five we were on the road again. The weather was better on the way back, and even with a few stops along the way we got home at four o'clock Tuesday morning. It was a good trip, but I'm glad we only make it once a year. My broken nose is glad too.

## MAIL ENTRY

#### HIEROGLYPHICS

Your article "Blasting at the Greylock" shook some letters off the page. I'm returning them to you (and placed them in their most probable order):

bANtaM MotoCRoss Ggwctt\* \*A Welsh verb meaning "sucks" Most Sincerely, Dick Brass Helper, UT

#### DELAWARE HERO

I recently received a letter from John Oechsle of Spencerport, NY, describing how he finished the Delaware enduro in seventh place in the Senior B class. According to John's letter, he broke his gear shift lever at the start and rode the entire enduro using a pair of pliers to shift. Quite a feat for a 46-year old XR250 rider-especially considering the muddy conditions!

John is a reader of Trail Rider and likes to see his name in print. When you publish the story on the Delaware enduro could you please include special mention of John's effort?

Jim McCoy

Delaware Enduro Riders

Honda XRs must have a inborn desire to shed levers. Remind me some time to tell you about the day I snapped a kickstarter shaft off of an

XR200, high in the Los Padres mountains, and had to learn how to bump- start a bike uphill.

John did a good job at Delaware; he also wrote a story on the AMA District Four banquet for us. which should be somewhere in this issue. Don't wait for a story on the run, though. We weren't at the Delaware enduro this past season, and had no freelance help there, so we'll have to wait to see what happens at Delaware 1990.

### FIGHT, BUT BE LEGAL I just finished reading American Motorcyclist

magazine (March 1990), and the Facing Extinction article caught my attention. The part titles "Northeast" concerns me. I don't hold Ron Palermo responsible. I hold the State of Pennsylvania responsible for us losing riding land. They're taking away our rights as U.S. citizens! We need to fight this for ourselves and our children in the future.

I like riding my Suzuki RMX250 and will do anything to assure that I can keep on riding it.

I don't live in Pennsylvania, but I have ridden there and hope I can keep on riding there.

I suggest that the AMA, ECEA, NETRA and all other associations pull together and fight like hell! Don't stop until we get a fair deal.

I don't have any desire to sit on my backside and watch the tube on Sundays because we didn't fight back. I want to ride and race with

friends.

Wayne T. Morris Jr. Moorestown, NJ

You are right to be angry, Wayne, and we should research problems like this and fight (which the AMA is doing as we speak), but sometimes we just get backed into the corner. Ron Palermo went to court and won his case—he didn't lose his license—but the state may yet appeal the case.

Keep in mind that in order to ride in any National Forest or State Forest you need to be legal which means you must have a motorcycle operator's license, a current license plate and up to date registration, and liability insurance if your state requires it. Unless designated otherwise. it's illegal to ride an unregistered bike; and if you choose to do so be aware that you're leaving yourself wide open to any officer who's having a bad day (or life!).

#### FRESH AIR

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter I just received from Representative Larry Craig of Idaho. I believe this man is behind us and deserves our support.

David Lotz White House, TN

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the California Desert Protection Act. I am happy to know we share similar views on this issue.

I oppose H.R. 780 because of the effect it would have on the current multiple-use plan that exists in the area. Enacting this bill would result in denying access of the land to citizen who currently enjoy it under the BLM-administered California Desert Plan. In addition, many of the nearby towns would suffer losses in mining, livestock production and recreation. In California and my own state of Idaho, people say "Keep our lands open!" I will fight to do so.

Larry E. Craig House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Doesn't that sound good? Just when you're thinking the world is full of skunks, someone opens a window. Congressman Craig along with Senator Steve Simms of Idaho introduced legislation on February first that will, if passed, have a great effect on our chosen form of recreation. It is called the ''National Recreational Trails Fund Act'' and you can read about it in the news columns.

#### **COAST TO COAST**

Thank you for your interest in my coast-to-coast trip. It is my goal to put together an off-pavement route from the Pacific to the Atlantic. I need help from active trail riders who know their areas well, and would cooperate to help link all these riding areas together. During my trip last September I was convinced that it was possible, although it becomes more difficult the farther east you get.

I would like to get this all together and make another trip in the fall, on the new route, inviting along everyone who helps make the trip possible. Although I carried my own gas and clothing, if we had enough interest maybe we could chip in for a support vehicle to carry our luxuries. Anyone interested is urged to call me at (301)822-8044, or write to me at Route 2 Box 661, St. Michaels MD 21663.

Secondly, I would like to recognize the products and services that helped me out along the way. The Metzeler Sahara tires I used worked on all surfaces, from dry highway to icy sand, rocks and slimy streambeds. Great tires, I'd use them for any street/trail trip. The Acerbis plastic and lighting equipment survived the trip crack-less and still glowing.

The dealers along the way were just as fine: Malcolm Smith Motorcycles in Riverside, CA; Sportsman Cycles of Las Vegas; Precision Cycles in Colorado Springs; Letko Cycle in Kansas City; and Cyrus Cycles in Pritchard, West Virginia. They were all professional, courteous and patient. Thank you much!

Sidney Dickson St. Michaels, MD

#### **GOOD EYE**

Is that your picture of Randy Hawkins in the Suzuki "Wet Your Pants" ad? I remember when you were taking pictures like that at Speedsville. Am I right?

Dennis Black Days Inn Motel

Yes Dennis, you are right. We sold that photo

to Suzuki's agency, and they lost all the rest we sent...which reminds me, I better get on the phone to them right now. Glad you liked it!

#### GOOD TIME IN VA.

Wish you could have made it down to the Virginia Championship Hare Scrambles Series banquet. We had a great time. Bevo was there again this year, with Charles Halcomb from Suzuki, and our own guest speaker was Gary Hatch from Havoline Oil. I want to thank the people who work so hard to make the series and banquet such a success each year—Rick Pino, VCHSS President; George Greer, Series Coordinator; Bobby Wilt, Awards Coordinator; Sonny Wood, Points Coordinator; and Vicki Morrison, Fundraising Coordinator.

I received the greatest award that I could have ever imagined that night—I was given the Texaco/Havoline Sportsmanship Award. In the 15 years that I've been racing this is the greatest honor and thrill that I've ever received. Thanks for putting out *Trail Rider* for us every month, Paul; c'mon down and ride some races with us this season.

Dave Olds

South Mills, NC

Thank you, Dave; congratulations, and you're welcome. I just talked to Tom Conaway, and although he's lost his notes at least once so far, he's pledged to send me a story on the banquet by the end of the week—look for it in the next issue. I'm looking forward to coming to one or more of your races this season.





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## EASTERN NEWS

#### **METEOR DUAL SPORT**

Last year, Meteor M.C. became the first ECEA club to put on an actual dual sport, street-legal trailbike ride in the Jersey Pines. The turnout was light, but the event was a success by everybody's opinion, so they're going to do it again this year. The Sandy Lane Dual Sport is going to happen on June 24, and it'll start at the Countryside Restaurant on Jackson Road in Indian Mills between 8 and 10 a.m.

The route will be 70 percent unpaved, but there will be no deep water and no whoopdedos. All motorcycles must be street legal dual sport (street/trail) models, and the course will cover approximately 100 miles. For entry information, call (609)783-3684; or write Meteor M.C., P.O. Box 78, Grenloch NJ 08032. With any luck, *Trail Rider* will be there, and it should be a ton of fun!

#### **GET OUT YOUR OSSA**

And get out your old Huskys, Pentons, Bultacos, Greeves and what have you, because it's time to start fixing them up for the MVTR Vintage Iron turkey run on September 23. Why mention it so early? Well, do you have any idea how long it's going to take you to fix that beast up? Like from now until the day before, but it'll be worth it. The Merrimack Valley Trail Riders have gotten permission to put together a loop in Bear Brook State Park, in Allenstown, New Hampshire, that is a closed course—meaning you don't need tags or registration to ride. That'll take some of the work out of the reconstruction.

The run is for pre-1975 bikes only; whether that means *including* 1975 or not, we don't know. The AMA says a vintage bike is legal if it's 15 years old, and that would include 1975 this year, but that's the AMA. MVTR may have different ideas.

What you will need is a spark arrestor—and that's very important. Cobra makes the Sparky spark arrestor, and Answer Products makes a basic J&R spark arrestor which may fit what you're riding.

For more information on the Vintage Iron turkey run, contact the NETRA office or MVTR at RFD 7 Box 395, New Hampshire Drive, Penacook NH 03303

#### NETRA RULE CHANGES

Neat rule changes up in New England. For 1990, they have a new Veterans class for riders

30 years old and older, and have changed to the AMA system of aging Senior and Super Seniors as 40 and up and 50 and up, respectively. Also, there will now be Expert, Amateur, and Novice Overall trophies at each hare scrambles; previously they only had one overall trophy. C Seniors and C Veterans will also have their own class, with trophies allotted for each.

You don't have to have a NETRA enduro license to ride enduros any more (although you still need to be a member for points); all you need be is licensed and registered by your state and everything is fine. A team trophy will be offered at enduros, and an A High Point trophy has been added (previously it was just the overall trophy).

The neatest thing they've thought of is the NETRA Off-Road Grand Championship award, which would go to the rider who accumulates the most points in enduros and hare scrambles for the year. This won't go into effect until 1991.

#### **ENDURO SCHOOL**

If you'd like to spend a Sunday learning all about enduro riding, machine maintenance, enduro rules and plenty of other interesting things, look into attending the NETRA Enduro and Trail Riding School, on May 6. The day is aimed mostly at beginning riders, but "B" riders and anybody else may pick up something they didn't know before, especially when the talk turns to timekeeping. Traditionally, after a long morning of class the troops are turned loose for a trail riding session on the Meriden Motorcycle Club clubgrounds, where you are guaranteed to encounter enduro riding situations. Call the NETRA office for directions and entry fee information.

#### **VIRGINIA THANKS**

We should be running a story on the Virginia Championship Hare Scrambles series end-of-year awards next month, but that doesn't mean we can't print a note of thanks they sent to us now. Virginia enjoys a ton of support from a wide variety of sponsors. Why? Because they work at promotion, and also because they're a bunch of good ol' boys who can't help but be popular.

Series sponsors for 1989 include Tucker-Rocky, Bell, Havoline Oil, Sinisalo/AXO Sport, Metzeler, Scott USA, Boyesen Engineering, THOR, MS Racing, PJ-1, Acerbis Plastica and Roko Sports. VCHSS also receives a huge amount of contingencies for their events and the banquet, and, other than the above, these include Dunlop Tires, DeVol Racing, Bel-Ray Oils,

Chartpak, Diamond, Yokohama, Cosmopolitan Motors, ATK, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Suzuki, Yamaha, Casey Cycle City, Mark IV, Rick's Cycle Supply, Specialized Cycle Service, Portsmouth Yamaha, and R.M. Felts Packing Co. (the Ham Man of Ivor).

Also, they would like to thank Gary Hatch of Havoline, Charles Halcomb of Suzuki, Bevo Forte of Scott USA, and Tom Bartlett of Tucker-Rocky for being honored guests at the banquet. Keep an eye out next month for Tom Conaway's report on the '89 banquet.

#### **NEW SHOP CONCEPT**

Mark Jenks and John Lombella of Cycle Competition in Southwick, Mass., are pioneers of a whole new type of off-road shop. They call Cycle Competition ''The Off-Road Shop for the '90s.'' What do they do that's different? Well, they have all the latest and trickest accessories for enduro, hare scrambles, motocross and road riding, and they also stock OEM parts for Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Yamaha machines.

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#### **OLD SHOP CONCEPT**

One other start-up of note this spring is Hamilton Sportcycles in Hampstead, New Hampshire. Kevin Hamilton has put together a very impressive KTM shop in a very short amount of time. He's got all the parts and accessories you'd expect to find, and is offering suspension tuning to suit the New England woods.

So what's so unusual about the store? Well, sitting out on the floor is a practically brand-new 1969 Penton 125 Six-Days, steel peanut tank and all. And right next to it is the 1974 125 Penton that Doug Wilford rode in the 1973 Berkshire ISDT—still with all the dirt on it! Rumor has it there's nearly a dozen more Pentons at his house, and his collection of replacement parts is growing daily. If you have an interest in Penton vintage bikes, Kevin is the guy to call! *Trail Rider* may be doing a feature on a couple of his bikes soon, comparing the old 125s to a brand-new KTM 125 E/XC, so keep an eye out for some photos in the future.

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#### **MENTAL HANDICAP**

While cleaning up the office, we came across a copy of the November issue of the Pathfinders M.C. newsletter, and before we throw it away let us mention that the Pathfinders are a very strange group. In this newsletter they described a handicapping system for their members that is far too complex and extensive to be listed here. It started out as a basic system that uses the age of the rider as a factor in computing an *adjusted* score for any enduro, so that one could "realistically" compared the score of a, say, 40-year old Senior rider to a 22-year old jet in the A250 class.

The club decided that this basic system, brain-stormed by Craig Baker, a name that is not strange to this column, and they enlarged upon it by including such factors as the ratio of your neck size compared to your waist size (no pencil-necks need apply); the number of broken bones you've suffered, other than your collar-bone; and the location of the manufacturer's origin of your bike in miles from the Prime Meridian, as well as a number of even more obscure details. The ultimate result is a system that evens all club member's scores right down to the tenth. Think of it! There'd be no long evenings of bragging, no boasting to your fellows about your legendary abilities, no lying to the bar maids!

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#### SURVIVAL, TEXAS STYLE

Since the Coalinga, California, AMA National Enduro was canceled because of snow, the Waverly, Texas, round two of the Nationals became the first run this year. Confused? Forget it. Texas was a mean, nasty run, with lots and lots of mud, and Kevin Hines emerged as the winner at the finish, after slogging through and dropping 155 points!

Hines had to be loving it, since he still thinks the nasty runs are the most fun. Allan Gravitt, from H&H KTM, came in second overall, with 188 points to his credit; Jeff Plunkett was third with a 216, Dave Bertram was fourth with 236, Randy Hawkins was fifth with 245, Jay Neilson came in sixth with 255, and Terry Cunningham was seventh with a 276. Everybody else houred out.

## CONTROVERSY IN GEORGIA

The Georgia National turned out to be just as affected by the weather, since a ton of rain a day before the event made it almost as muddy as the Texas race. Reports from that neck of the woods are unofficial as of this writing, but it seems that the best scores were right around 55 points.

The controversy comes about becasue of a missed observation check. Jeff Russell, Kevin Hines, and a number of other riders went through the OB check without a major problem, even though it was on the far side of a considerable mudhole. Randy Hawkins, however, was the Big Name on a list of folks who missed the check; they missed it because they were looking for a way around the mudhole, and they apparently found it. The club afterwards claimed that more than 50 percent of the riders missed it, and therefore it was legal for them to throw the check out, giving Randy Hawkins the overall win. Had they not thrown it out. Hawkins would be disqualified for missing a check, and Jeff Russell would have taken the win.

Russell and the others are maintaining that there was no way that half the riders missed the check, and are accusing the club of playing favorites with Hawkins. At this time, there has been no word from the AMA on the protests, so as it stands Hawkins has the win at the second National. We'll let you know if that changes.

#### **BIG MAG**

You may have noticed that this issue of *Trail Rider*, at 52 pages, is the biggest issue we've printed in years. You may also have noticed that it's absolutely packed with ads. Yahoo! We've been discovered! No matter what folks in the "motorcycle industry" say about the industry "softening" and business being bad, we know

that the *sport* is going stronger than ever, and the success of *Trail Rider* is just one indication that future support is going to go into the sport, where it belongs, and not into the industry—at least not until they get their act straightened out.

We also ask you to bear with us through all this advertising, and hopefully it's just as interesting as the rest of the book. For our part, it's bailing us out of a particularly bad winter (in December, we couldn't even *give* advertising space away to people in the ''industry''), and we're very, very grateful to our enthusiastic advertisers. Hey, it's going to be a great year to be a trail rider!

#### NATIONAL TRAILS BILL INTRODUCED

Two federal legislators from Idaho, Senator Steve Symms and Representative Larry Craig, have introduced a bill that would encourage states to develop and improve off-highway vehicle recreation programs. Called the National Recreation Trails Fund Act of 1989, the bill would provide states with the necessary funds to construct and maintain trails, acquire easements for public recreation, and help build trailside facilities.

According to information provided to us by the Blue Ribbon Coalition and Stu Lawson of the AMA, under the provisions of the legislation, the federal government would be required to redistribute gasoline taxes paid by OHV trail users to a national trail development and maintenance program. As it stands now, these funds are channeled into construction and maintenance of highways and other roadways, but not OHV projects. In effect, the bill would make funds available, for the first time, for off-highway projects.

The effects of such a fund would be wide-spread. It would spur some states into creating off-highway projects, if for no other reason than to ensure that the state received some of the federal money for its own use. Also it will provide a fund to help maintain existing trails, reducing impact and limiting environmental damage. Under the bill, states with existing OHV programs would be able to apply annually for federal funds to add to their program, and states without an OHV plan could request grants to fund specific projects.

In addition, the legislation would also create a National Recreational Trail Advisory Council to represent the interest of ATV riders, cross- country skiers, horseback riders, mountain bikers, snowmobilers, trail bike riders, and four-wheel drive enthusiasts. Appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, the eight-member committee would administer grants, establish criteria for trailside facilities, and make recommendations to the Secretary on establishing federal policies.

In short, this is the best opportunity to come along for off-roaders in many years. If you haven't been writing lately, it's now time to get out the pen and let your state Senators and Representatives know that you support the National Recreational Trails Act of 1989, and you hope they do as well. Also, send a letter of support to Clark Collins, Blue Ribbon Coalition, P.O. Box 5449, Pocatello ID 83202. Clark is right up there where it all started, and he knows how to make good use of your letters. Also, drop a note to the AMA, and to your state Governor. Make sure everybody knows about this bill.



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## Gentlemen, Start Your Clocks!

#### Route sheets, timekeeping, and being INTO your minute.

By Eric Shonts

#### **BASIC TIME KEEPING: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER**

So, have you got your route sheet holder set up and your watch synchronized? Now all you need to know is how to use them in a race situation.

Let's say you're in that first race and you don't have an odometer on your bike. You're cruising along, and suddenly, you see a sign. It's a mileage marker and it reads "3.6."

Look at your route sheet. One line in the field of vision reads: [ 3. 3.6mi L 9:00 ]. REMEM-BER; the time reading is in minutes and seconds, not hours and minutes!

Now, look at your watch. What if it reads (MINUTES AND SECONDS) 8:30? Then you are one minute EARLY, and should consider slowing down slightly. Remember, all of these decisions need to be answered in relevance to the terrain. If you were a minute early and coming into a "first gear" section, you probably wouldn't slow down because that thirty seconds will soon be lost without any additional effort on your part!

(Wait a minute! Why aren't you only 30 seconds early, when the watch 8:30 and you're supposed to be at 9:00? Because being perfectly on time in enduros means hitting the checks EXACTLY 30 seconds after the "top of your minute." If there was a checkpoint at 3.6 miles out, and you hit it at 9 minutes exactly, you wouldn't lose any points, but if it was a "tiebreaker" check you wouldn't be considered as hitting it at absolute "zero" unless you rolled across the line at exactly 30 seconds after your minute, being 9:30. Confused? Don't worry, it can get more complicated than this!

What if your watch reads 12:18? Then you are three minutes and eighteen seconds LATE! Time to get on the pipe and make up some time if possible. (Eighteen seconds late, too? Well no.



Don't make the mistake of entering a tough run on an old, unreliable bike (or an old, unreliable body!). Know your machine before you start.

and eighteen seconds into the minute.")

As you see, an enduro can be run with no odometer, but it is nice to have one. The point of the odometer is that it acts like a full-time, on-board mileage marker. The rider can always estimate if he is early or late. By paying close attention to mileage markers on the course, a beginning rider can easily overcome the lack of an odometer. There usually aren't many mileage markers in the woods (at least, not that I have noticed so far!), but this doesn't matter. In the woods, you are pretty much guaranteed to be late, so just go like hell! Twenty-four miles per hour is just about impossible in the woods!

I think you get the point. The best instructor is always experience, so go get some!

#### ABOUT RESETS, COURSE LAYOUT, AND SCORING

A "RESET" is a feature designed to give the rider a rest, as is sometimes the case, to catch up. These are found on "open" parts of the terrain, not in the woods.

On the route sheet and on some mileage signs, you will see something like [ 9.8mi reset to 11.0mi ]. Now think about this. If you come to this point on time, if you cruise right on by, you are suddenly 1.2 miles ahead of where you should be in proportion to the time elapsed. What you have to do is stop, reset your odometer to the new mileage, and wait until it is time to take off again.

Many of the experienced riders like to go up the road (resets are usually on roads) and wait where the course starts to get complicated again before stopping to rest. There will usually be a mileage marker in sight of the next woods section where they can rest, get a drink and reset their equipment. You can choose to do either. but if you are riding with veteran buddies, you will most likely be inclined to do the latter.

Now, about course layout. Generally, the club that sponsors the ride will place timed checks in the woods, where riders are most likely to be losing time, but beware. Don't go into the woods too early! Remember those road sections and resets I just mentioned? A rider may want to start early to compensate for the time he is about to lose in the woods. The club therefore puts a timed check near the beginning of each tight section to keep riders from sneaking into the woods early. If there were only checkpoints at the end of each woods section, it would be way too easy to cheat. If you go into the woods too early, you will probably arrive at the first checkpoint too early, which is much WORSE than arriving LATE! This little bit of news takes us onto

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Remember, I said that arriving late is better than arriving early. If a rider arrives late, he receives one point for each full minute that he is

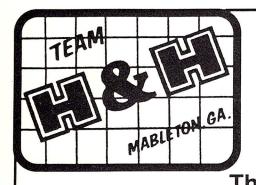
late. If a rider arrives early, he receives two points for the first full minute, and five points for each additional full minute that he is early! OUCH! So, if a rider is 5 minutes late, he gets 5 points. If a rider is 5 minutes early, he gets 22 points!

All riders start out with ZERO points. The rider with the least amount of points wins. To learn all the details, I highly recommend getting in touch with the AMA, and requesting a competition rule book. Everyone should have one. In my opinion, we should push to have the rule book revised. While browsing through, I happened across this phrase in the section on general equipment standards: "If a kick pedal is retained (to start the bike with), it must be of the folding type and must be RUBBER-COVERED." When was the last time a dirt bike came with a rubber covered kick starter? Well, at least the major points of the book are up to date.



Above: Bench racing while you wait for results is one of the best parts of enduro riding—especially if you're a good liar!

Left: The most important thing, here in the tree-filled east, is hand protection. Without hand guards like this, you're risking broken fingers.



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#### SOME ADVICE FROM ONE BEGINNER TO ANOTHER

1. Even if you get tired, keep riding at a slower pace. It is much better to be going 10 or 12 miles an hour for five or ten minutes than to be stopped dead for five or ten minutes!

2. Listen to any advice people have to give. Read through all the riding



Inexperience is liable to lead you into the wrong line now and then, but you'll get better at every run!

give. Head through all the riding tips in recent magazines, and actually try to imitate what they say. You have a long day of riding to think about and try out all of those neat tricks. My cornering prowess improved 100% after reading an article on motocross cornering. I couldn't believe it!

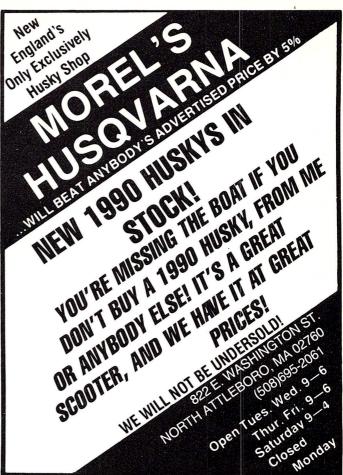
3. You are going to be riding for a long time. Once you get comfortable and the adrenalin is flowing continuously, your mind will start to wander to some pretty strange things. Be it good, bad, or otherwise, it seems to be a pretty common thing, so don't think you're losing your mind. It

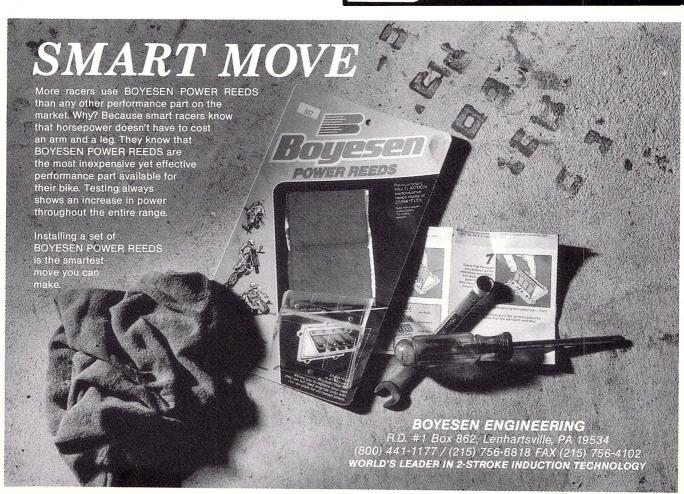
would probably be too taxing for any brain to think solely about the terrain in front of you for that many hours. Also, this ''free thought time'' is rather therapeutic. A slightly wandering mind is a sign of being comfortable with your surroundings. This shows just how second nature riding a motorcycle can be, even while flying through the woods!

4. Although you won't get too many chances to drink it, try to take some water with you.

5. Relax and have fun. You're not in the ISDE (yet)! I hope to see you at the races. Good luck!







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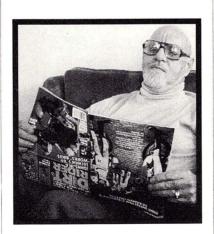
Name: Ed Hertfelder

**Occupation:** Proving his claim to be the worst dirt rider in the continental United States, Canada, and Mexico; dabbles in journalism; has written "Duct Tapes" since 1977; author of three books: *Duct Tapes 80, Reset To 80.1*, and *80.2 Changes To 27 MPH*; currently working on a novel whose only guarantee is that it will have "80.3" somewhere in the title.

Riding history: "I was hooked on enduro riding by Cliff Ferris at the age of 36 and have been O.D.ing ever since. I'm really bad, but I'm sort of proud of it now."

Track record: "From 1964 to 1966 I rode a Triumph Cub with a great lack of success. Switched to Bultaco in 1967 and had a "lock" on 44th Medium Weight B in East Coast Enduro Association events for years. Muddled through the 1970' on Yamaha IT175 models. Rode Huskys from 1980 to 1985 and never got beyond third gear. Have I ever won any medals? Of course not, none at all. I took home one trophy for best-represented club (all the club members got one) and





when I put it in my Volkswagen I broke the windshield."

Bikes currently owned: "I have a Honda XL600R I rode in the dual-purpose Barstow-to-Vegas and then continued on to New Jersey. I finished the Michigan Six Day on the same motorcycle and feel it is ruining my reputation."

Magazines: "DIRT RIDER because it has the guts to print my 'Duct Tapes' column, which is written for the 75 percent of enduro riders who haven't found any glory yet and need a few laughs to keep them going. MO-TORCYCLIST because the writers never muddy up a bike test with off-the-wall personal comments. Instead, they include these in a box at the end and sign their names to them. DIRT RIDER's 'Trail Tips' and 'Service Dept.' and MOTORCYCLIST's 'Street Wise' pages easily recover the price of subscription ten times over."

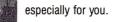


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## **FAST FOUR-STROKES**

Advice from the experts on how to get the maximum from your four-stroke racer.

By Dan Anderson

Okay, okay; that's enough giggling from all you two stroke riders. You're probably rolling on the floor holding your sides because I used the word ''fast'' in the same sentence with ''four stroke.'' You've had your giggle, so flip the page and leave us poor four stroke fanatics to our fantasies and dreams.

Now that they're gone and it's only us feeble four strokers left, let's get down to business. Four strokes can be fast. The secret is in setting up and riding them to maximize their inherent strengths and minimize their widely publicized weaknesses.





Bob Dana gets some encouragement at a NETRA enduro. Bob is a formidable opponent in the A200 class on a Honda XR200.

old, another Kentuckian competing on the National circuit. Stump took first place in both the National and Grand National Hare Scramble Series in the four stroke class riding an XR600 and a KTM 600.

Harvey Whitaker, another 23 year old Kentuckian, who earned 17th overall in the 1989 National Cross Country Series and took second in the Four Stroke A Class. Whitaker rode an XR250 until last year, when he moved up to an XR600.

Bob Bennett, a 27 year old New Jersey enduro rider who finished up the 1989 season in first place in both the ECEA Four Stroke A class as well as finishing 7th overall on the East Coast, including the AA class. He accomplished all this on an '89 XR250.

Bob Dana, a 39 year old enduro rider from

Rhode Island who continually amazes New England by winning the 200A class on a 1987 XR 200. KDX and 125 riders will be relieved to hear he's campaigning an XR250 in the '90 season.

#### HOW THEY DO WHAT THEY DO SO WELL

Mechanically, the riders are unanimous on two things. First, four stroke engines should be left stock, and second, four stroke suspensions need some careful attention.

It probably comes as a surprise that the panel prefers stock engines. They have definite reasons. Scott Summers has experimented with bigger pistons and cams, and reports that it made the engine more "pipey" and the power delivery more like a two stroke's (Heaven forbid!).

In the words of Bob Bennett, "People spend



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their money on engine parts, getting bore jobs, cams, and bigger carbs. They end up with an expensive engine that delivers its power like a two stroke. They should leave the engine alone and spend their money on the suspensions, where it can really make a differ-

ence."

So suspensions are where these guys spend their money. Of the five racers, four do their racing on White Brothers suspension components, and the fifth, Bob Dana, would switch if he could have found such parts to fit an XR200.

This doesn't mean that stock suspensions are hopeless. Carey Stump's XR600 uses stock front forks with heavier springs and extra holes drilled in the dampening rods to increase oil flow. He also runs a heavier spring on the rear shock to handle his aggressive riding style.

All the riders agree that stock suspensions can be greatly improved simply by careful set-up. This includes switching to heavier weight fork oil, experimenting with fork oil levels, and regular changing of both fork and rear shock oil. Heavier fork springs and shock springs are an intermediate step between stock suspension performance and the deluxe performance of aftermarket forks and shocks.

#### THUMPER RIDING THEORY

Four stroke riders must make allowances in their riding style for the personality of their machines. "Compared to a two stroke, a four stroke's acceleration isn't quick." admits Bob Bennett. "In a drag race a two stroke will tear me up. But in the woods, in the really gnarly, bony stuff, the four stroke has the best kind of power."

Bob Dana agrees. "It's a more tractable power. When I'm chasing, say a KDX200, it'll seem like he's really shooting away from me out of the corners. My power comes on more slowly, but I'm hooking up and making forward progress

while he's fighting all that wheel spin. By the next corner, I'm right on his tail and ready to pass."

Corners are a favorite place for these thumper fans to do their passing.

Carey Stump explains his braking/cornering



Bennett: You should leave your engine alone and spend money on the suspension, where it can really make a difference."

philosophy. "When you let off the throttle on a two stroke, you've got two choices to slow down. You can hit a tree or hit your brakes. On a four stroke you can hit the brakes or tap it down a gear or two and let the engine drag you down. The bike will squat down and dig its tire in, and

sometimes you don't even need to mess with applying any rear brake.

Harvey Whitaker agrees with Stump about the need to be a hard charger on a four stroke. "Especially on the 250, you've got to keep it

wound out all the time and really work to keep your momentum up through the corners." He encourages four strokers to take advantage of their "engine brake" and stay on the gas a second or two longer than their two stroke competitors in corners. "You can go a lot deeper into a corner on a four stroke before you have to get on the brakes," he says. "If you've got the nerve you can gain a bike length on a two-stroke before you hit the brakes."

Downhills are another four stroke strong point. Stump says the advantage is that the four stroke's compression is constantly forcing the tire into the ground. He advocates an aggressive downhill strategy. "I just slide farther back on the seat, tap my rear brake to slide my tire to keep on the line I want, and then twist and lock it when I see my way clear."

Off camber hills and turns that are a white knuckle experience for two strokes are relatively easy for thumpers. Bob Bennett, who used to ride two strokes, explains: "On off-cambers, two strokes require a real delicate throttle hand or they'll spin out. With a four stroke you just stay in a higher gear, get it up into the mid range and let it pull its way across without a lot of wheelspin."

Another aspect of high speed thumping these riders share is a stretched out riding position. "If I'm not up on the pegs, which I try to do most of the time," says Stump, "I'm sitting way back on the seat. In fact, I replace my rear fender every two or three races 'cause they get so

scratched up from me hanging over them."
Dana agrees with this approach. "I usually have to ride on the back to keep the front light to jump puddles and get across ruts," says Dana. "With a two stroke you'd have your front wheel in the





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"The power comes on slowly, but I'm hooking up while two-strokes fight wheelspin."

air all the time if you sat on the back, but on a thumper you can use more of the seat.'

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT THUMPERS AND MUD

"Everybody thinks that because a four stroke is heavier, it's bad." says Summers. "But, if you're going into a muddy, rutty corner on a two stroke there's a tendency for the bike to skitter across the ruts. The weight and engine drag of a four stroke tend to squat it down and make it bite so you can get in and out of the corner while two strokes are still squirreling around trying to find traction.'

Summers admits that mud is not always a thumper pilot's best friend. "The bikes are already heavy to start with. Add another 20 or 30 pounds of mud and by the end of the race it can really whip you." He and all the other successful four strokers apply silicone, WD-40, or Armor all to the inside of fenders to help keep med from sticking and building up.

Strategy-wise, deep mud and water crossings require a different approach. Two strokers like to gas it just as they hit the sticky stuff to loft the front end. Not so with thumpers. "You've got to have it pinned before you ever get there," says Bennett. "Get back on the seat to keep the front up, pick the best line, and go like mad. But as soon as forward momentum stops, quit. Once you're stuck, you're dealing with a 260 pound motorcycle, so don't bury it by trying to spin it out like a two stroke."

#### **GETTING THE THUNDER STARTED**

Another four stroke bugaboo is starting problems. Veteran thumper pilots scoff at the bad reputation. "As long as you know the drill, it's one or two kicks." says Stump. "A lot of guys don't know the routine, or don't have their compression releases set up right. When you kick a four stroke, you have to mean it. If you've got a wimpy right leg, get a two stroke." How hard is hard enough? Summers reports that he had bent several kickstarter levers in his efforts to get one-kick starts at hare scrambles.

Restarting a flooded thumper after a crash in the woods takes a little more time. The drill is to hold the throttle and compression release wide open while kicking vigorously five to ten times to clear the engine. Then find top-dead-center, hold the throttle shut, and give it a Scott Summersstyle kick.

#### THUMPER TIPS FROM TRIAL AND ERROR

Years of thumping have taught these racers some simple tricks to keep their bikes running with the two strokes. Some tips include:

DON'T BE AFRAID TO REV A FOUR STROKE. "I don't think most riders push their four stroke hard enough," states Dana. "If you keep the oil changed and the valves adjusted it's unbelievable how hard you can rev them. Once you get them into their power, leave them there and keep shifting gears. People think that a four stroke's best point is its low end. It's true that they pull like a tractor off the bottom, but from mid range up to the top end is where they go fast."

EXPERIMENT WITH IDLE SPEEDS. Sometimes a hard starting thumper can be cured by simply increasing idle speed. Bennett reports that when he pulls into checks it sounds like his throttle is half open. "But I've never had trouble restarting after a crash" he reports

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ON SMALLER THUMPERS, CONSIDER RE-GEARING. "I switched my 250 to a 52 tooth rear sprocket (stock is 48) to get a little more use out of second and third gears," says Bennett. "I lost some top speed, but top speed isn't a big deal where I race."

Dana went the other direction and geared his XR200 for higher speeds, dropping two to three teeth off the rear sprocket. "I felt like I needed to get a little more speed out of the 200 in the lower gears," he explained.

lower gears," he explained.
RUN DOUBLE REAR BRAKE LEVER SPRINGS.
Bennett doubles the brake pedal return spring on
his XR. "In the woods I tend to ride the brake a
lot because I'm on it so much squaring off

uno.

Summers: ''Two strokes? I guess we just out-ride them!''

corners. An extra spring helps keep me from dragging it."

USE THE EXHAUST TO YOUR ADVANTAGE. Both Summers and Stump run their Supertrapps open during closed course events, (please, don't do this while trail riding or during an enduro) and use the obnoxious roar to psyche-out opponents. "I'll get up behind a two stroke in a corner, slip the clutch and let her roar!" chuckles Summers. "There's something about being passed by a four stroke that drives two strokers crazy. When they hear my bike snarling behind them they'll start riding over their head to stay ahead of me and all I have to do is wait for them to crash!"

And that brings up a favorite topic of these four stroke racers, beating two strokes. "People

can't believe that I win like I do on a four stroke,'' says Stump. ''I just shrug and grin. I like Scott's answer to how we beat 'em.''

And what is Scott Summers' analysis of how and why these fast four strokers are able to beat the two strokes? "I guess we just out ride 'em!" he laughs.

Take that, all you ring-ding lovers!

So the next time you're out on your thumper, take these veteran thumper pilots' advice and practice stuffing corners a little harder, attacking downhills, and generally wringing every bit of performance you can out of that cam and those valves. With practice maybe you can help these five riders educate two strokers that ''fast'' and ''four stroke'' definitely can be used in the same sentence.



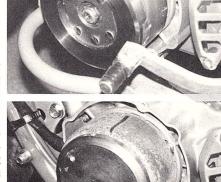
## TAMING THE BEAST!

#### Modifying a new RMX again, but this time concentrating on making the bike easy to ride

By Hank Stankiewicz

If you already own an RMX, you have probably read the articles in the October '89 and January 1990 issues of this magazine (Trail Rider) on building an RMX racer. I raced the bike in the October article for a full season, had no DNF's and, quite frankly, had no problems at all with a relatively stock bike. If you are thinking about purchasing and/or modifying an '89 or '90 RMX, get back issues of those articles from Clipper (\$2 each, plus 1.25 postage). They have everything you need to know about unplugging the RMX's pent up power cheaply and easily.

Faced with the need to put together a new season's ride as soon as possible (at the end of the '89 season), I chose to do all this on a leftover '89 model, rather than stepping up to the '90. The '90 does offer improved suspension valving and a better exhaust valve setup, but all the other modifications listed below will work fine.



The Moose flywheel (top) features a weldedon weight. The Stehly weight bolts on to the stock flywheel.

#### WHAT I WANTED

In campaigning the RMX over the 1989 season, I made some mental notes for areas to improve. The power came on too strong to fit my riding style (I'm an old man, like Clipper), the suspension needed to be modified to work better in the rocks, and the gearing was just a tad too tall for slow rock work.

The first order of business was to try to smooth out the transition from



The DeVol stabilizer is hardly noticable, yet it stopped the dreaded arm-pump on the first ride.



Krause Racing's midrange pipe helped take the edge off the midrange hit. It must weigh half as much as the stock pipe.



low to mid-range power. I spoke to Vic Krause at Krause Racing and he suggested his mid-range pipe for the RMX. He explained that they did extensive testing and came up with a good all-around design that did exactly what I wanted. The pipe came unpainted, weighs less than half the stock pipe and was fairly easy to install. I painted it (I hate rust), installed an Answer SA Pro on the end and was ready to go. As promised, the pipe smoothed out the power by giving the bike more low end (the midrange hit somewhat disappeared), and a more linear pull was noticed from bottom to top. It also retained a good top-end runout.

I also evaluated several other pipes (seat of the pants) and found the following: Stock (with the basic modifications): The bike pulls okay off the bottom and then has a definite "hit" in the midrange. This hit transmits into wheel spin and lost traction in

slippery and rocky conditions. The adjustable power valve can be adjusted but that only aggravated the problem. Pro Circuit pipe: Provides a tremendous mid- range punch that has the front wheel climbing for the sky when the throttle is tweaked. With this pipe, the bike flat rips when it comes on the pipe. It is very impressive; but, in my opinion, is better suited for the more open spaces of hare scrambles or cross country racing. It would

probably work extremely well for motocross.

Both of these pipes were extremely fun to ride in play riding situations, but I wouldn't want to race the bike so equipped. The Krause Kannon, on the other hand, fell right in between. For my purposes this was the pipe of choice.

Krause Racing also helped out in the gearing department. I mounted one of his drive kits (Sidewinder chain and sprockets), went to a 51 tooth sprocket on the rear (50 is stock) and lengthened the 0-ring chain to give an extra half-inch longer wheel base. The longer wheelbase helped in the rough stuff; and as you well know, Sidewinder's drive systems are excellent. Remember to peen the master link over to keep from losing it. With 0-ring chains, you rarely need to take them off, so peening the link over is good insurance against loosing the master link clip and then the chain.

The next step was to improve the efficiency of the engine by blueprinting, or bringing it up to factory specs. I contacted Jim Kapitan of Pro Pilot Racing who agreed to work his magic on the cylinder. He

installed Boyesen Reeds which were more efficient than the stock flappers and mentioned that this would be a good step even if the blueprinting was

not done. I have found Boyesen products to be of excellent quality and a good. inexpensive way to improve performance

Jim then cleaned up the ports and mating surfaces, altered some shapes, but did not change the port timing at all. The cylinder looked trick when he finished. and the results were improved power everywhere from low to top end. The jetting also seemed crisper and the power more constant. I'd also suspect that the fuel efficiency improved, but I couldn't swear to that. If you have the need for speed, Jim can dial you in for that also, as he works with many of the motocrossers across the country is a lot easier to ride, and much more fun!

#### **BACKING OFF THE THROTTLE**

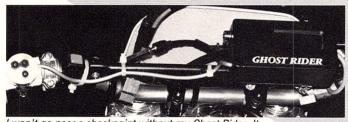
So, now I was beginning to approach a full-blown race motor like Clipper's Halcombized one again. The engine had gobs of hard hitting power, smoother than Clipper's, but strong none the less. It needed more smoothness.

I spoke to Peter Dennison at Moose Racing and Charles Steahly at Steahly products about adding weight to the flywheel. The two companies go about adding weight in somewhat different ways, however both work extremely well. The Moose solution is to weld on an 8-ounce machined weight to your flywheel. The work is extremely sanitary (the welds are a work of art).

According to Pete, the flywheel is susceptible to extreme vibration and centrifugal forces, and they have found welding to be the most reliable way to add weight to a flywheel. You must remove your flywheel and send it to them for the work to be done, but they have a next-day turn around policy so you won't miss any races if you plan accordingly.

Steahly Products, on the other hand, machines a steel weight (much like the Moose), but their product threads onto the crankshaft, replacing the original lock nut. The weight actually holds the flywheel onto the crankshaft and is further secured by four Allen bolts that screw into the flywheel from the circumference. It was extremely easy to install; quality control was excellent, and you have the advantage of removing for differing conditions.

Steahly recommends their 11-ounce weight for most riders and their 14ounce weight for novices. The 8-ounce (Moose) and the 11-ounce (Steahly) weights seemed to offer the best results for normal riding. The 14-ounce



I won't go near a checkpoint without my Ghost Rider. It takes all the guesswork out of enduros.

Steahly weight worked well for muddy, slippery, hilly conditions as it slowed the power delivery considerably. Both products worked equally well throughout the testing (I put over 100 miles on both) and are worthy additions that are relatively cheap and easy to install.

Carburetion was the next area to be worked on. I spoke to DG, and they recommended the Keihin PJ 38mm oval slide carburetor. The advantages. they claimed, were improved low end response, crisper jetting and improved fuel economy. The carburetor came pre-jetted and was about 1/2 inch longer, spigot to spigot, than the stock carburetor. This presented a little problem on installation. The air box boot was very difficult to get fitted and clamped to the rear of the carburetor and required four hands to get it bolted up. The results, however, were worth it. DG's predictions came true in that the carburetor is much more efficient in metering fuel at low speeds. It really does increase the low-end power noticeably; but is it absolutely necessary that you replace the stock carburetor? No, but we

said we would spare no resources, right?

White Bros did the suspension and made it magic. This RMX

#### SPARE THE SUSPENSE

Next came putting all this newfound smooth power to the ground. Bill Rychlik of White Brothers worked his magic on the forks and the shock. In speaking with him, I indicated the type of terrain we Easterners are used to riding and my level of ability. There are basically two settings that they use (terrain-wise); one for rocks and one for sand. Trying for a third, which bridged both, did not seem to work well in either situation. I opted for the rock setting with progressive suspension springs and 5mm of preload.

In a few short words, the suspension is absolutely magic. In testing with two other bikes, one

stock, the other with shortened stock springs (5mm preload), the White Brothers system is clearly superior for my riding style. The action is smooth and controllable, soaks up small and large bumps well and, basically, keeps the wheels in contact with the ground at all times. The rock recipe also worked okay in the South Jersey whoops—not as well as it did in the rocks. but the adjustments (compression and rebound) allowed it to be dialed for both situations. I highly recommend this modification to any serious racer.

To complement the suspension work, I also installed a Devol Directional Guidance system. If you have seen their advertisements, they claim no headshake, no arm pump, no bull\*. The unit looks a little strange before being installed, and I had some doubts as to how it would fit and work. Installation does require you to weld a boss onto the front down tube; and,



once completed, the installation goes rather quickly.

I also had some doubts as to how it would work in the tight woods (since it is a hydraulic device) and called Ted Devol to get some inside poop on it. The unit uses Mikuni carb jets for valving, and varying oil viscosity and level also affects its action. Anyway, I installed it on Saturday and went to a two-hour hare scrambles on Sunday without ever trying it out first. Does it work? I'm not sure since I couldn't feel it working. The steering felt the same; it wasn't any harder to turn. The bike didn't shake its head (my last year's one did at warp speeds). Amazingly enough, at the end of the race

my arms were not pumped at all, and I was able to charge for the whole two hours. You make your mind up on this one; I'm definitely racing

To round out all the performance modifications, I also installed a GHOST Rider III enduro computer. The new GHOST is the only device you'll need to make timekeeping in enduros a snap. It takes the place of the odometer, clock and computer and combines it into one unit. I've been using it for several years now; and, in my opinion, it far surpasses all the other units on the

It combines the pacer and odometer to calculate exactly where you are (in seconds late or early) for the entire enduro. Just glance down during the run, and you see exactly how late or early you are-no need to make any calculation or match numbers. The unit also calibrates to the odometer used to lay out the run, acts as a key time clock for zeroing emergency checks, keeps track of mileage traveled, warns of resets, and will let you know where the next possible check is. The sensor mounting system has been improved and has an extra ground wire installed to help quiet electrical interference.

So, what did I end up with after all this? Was it worth the effort? Would I do it again? The answers are: a great enduro bike; absolutely and most definitely. The modified project bike falls somewhere in the middle between the basic modified RMX, in the power department, and the Halcombized full blown racer. With the 8 ounce flywheel weight installed, the bike rockets from turn to turn but comes on smoothly and predictably. The suspension strokes so smoothly that small roots, rocks and logs are not even felt at the bars or seat. It handles "G"- outs and successive bumps terrifically. The suspension firms up progressively as speeds increase, and neither end

packs down in the most severe conditions. The bike now works as a balanced unit and is dialed in for my riding style. It is much more confidence-inspiring than my last year's mount, and I can't wait for the season to start.

Do you need to do all of the modifications listed above? Not at all. Remember, I mentioned at the beginning of this article that the RMX was a terrific bike with just the basic modifications completed. However, if you want to personalize it to your riding style, I hope this article gives you some insight to some of the products on the market.

I would be terribly remiss if I didn't thank Bob Jones, the owner of Montgomeryville Cycle Center for continuing his support for us enduro freaks. He was most gracious in supplying me with a new RMX again for the 1990 racing season. For those of you who are not familiar with Montgomeryville, you ought to stop by. They carry a full line of accessories, stock everything you need for a season of MX, hare scrambles or enduros; and carry Honda, Husqvarna, Kawasaki and Suzuki motorcycles. His sales, parts and service crew are also aces. If you have any questions or need help with setting up your bike, call him or see me at the races any weekend.

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Stafford, CT

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As usual, they were wrong, but not completely. It did get cold, and the snow did fall, but not nearly as much as they expected. About four inches of the white stuff blanketed the course, which was excellent. Without it, we would have seen a brown Snow Run again! The driving was bad enough to keep attendance down somewhat, and us chickens down south back out when ice storms slickened the roads between Jersey and Hartford, making driving nearly impossible in the NYC-area corridor. Still, TrailRider photographers Andy Morneault and Bud Macomber braved the elements (probably in hope of catching someone going through the



Above Left: This is a Snow Run rider's worst nightmare. As long as you keep dry, you can at least pretend to have fun! Above: "Let's see... can I keep dry and clean just until I get back into the woods?"

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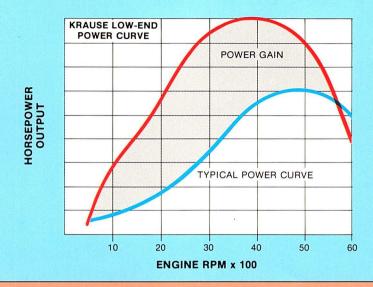
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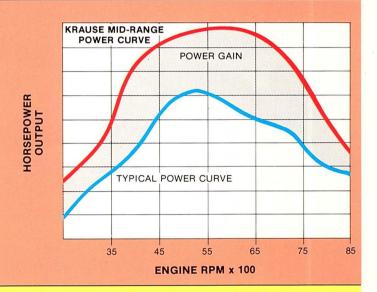


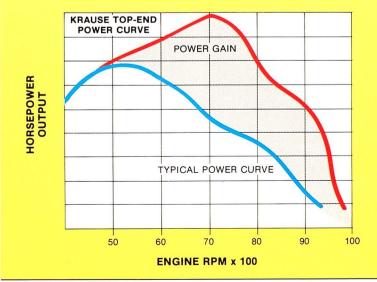
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5. My stock pipe sticks out a lot and interferes with my leg; plus it hangs down in front and gets dented quite a bit. Does the Krause Pipe help reduce these problems?

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6. A "Brand X" pipe that I bought only a few months ago is already starting to crack in a couple of spots. How do I know the Krause Pipe is any better and won't crack the same way?

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7. I have recently seen some pipes with a silver-type plating that looks like chrome. Does Krause offer this type of finish?

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10. My pipe has some dents and cracks in it and I was thinking about just having it patched up and repaired rather than buying a new pipe. Couldn't I save some money this way?

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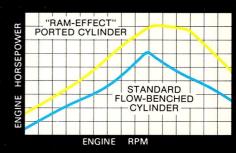
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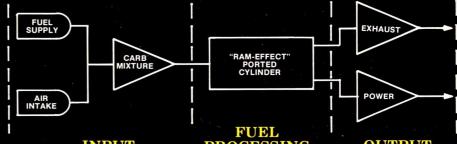
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ice!) and came back with a raft of decent pictures.

Bert Guerrette also had a fine day, playing in his back yard, as it were. He brought out a '90 KTM 125 E/XC and proceeded to roost. He tied scores with Russ Stearns, who was riding a new KTM 250 rather than his old ATK, but beat him on seconds-431 to 483. Jim Mitchell and Kemp Stewart also tied at 14, but they finished in that order after the seconds were counted. Pat Royer, Guy Hill and Ron Stavens all carded 18-point finishes, and Max Parkes was seventh with 19 points down. Gene Sweetser was next with a 20, beating out Bob Ellis on seconds, and Keith Goodell topped the A Senior class and rounded out the top ten with a 21 point score.

The light snow covering frozen ground, and in some places soft ground, made for conditions that were "just perfect" to most of the riders. It was just enough snow to allow you to use Trelleborg Friction Spikes without wrecking them, and even the guys using automotive studs didn't complain about excess dogpaddling. The worst problems reported were from carb icing and excessive fuel consumption because of the freezing temperatures. "I kept freezing my carb up, and it made the engine run so rich I couldn't get 24 miles out of a tank!" complained Pete Ruggiero afterwards. Pete ran out before the gas stop, and came in on foot.

Cold temperatures, a little snow, lots of water and mud and ice; but an easy course and a good ride, for the dead of winter. It was everything the Snow Run is expected to be, and the Connecticut Ramblers will put it on again next year, no doubt about it!



Above: Dave Dube is the first NETRA enduro rider to turn up on the new DR350 Susuki. It certainly looks fun to ride.



Above: Don't the woods look inviting? At least it was a Snow Run with snow! Below: Bert Guerrette turned up on a 125 KTM, and kept it buzzing like this all day.



| 1990 Snow Run<br>Championship Results<br>Bantam |                                    | Guy Hill     Gene Sweetser     Marcel Mathieu | Hus 18<br>C-A 20<br>Hus 22        | 6. Al Walker<br>7. Gerry Howley<br>8. Rich Billingslea | KTM 34<br>37<br>C-A 38            |           |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|
|   | Bert Guerrette                     | KTM 13  | <ol><li>Rob Worster</li></ol>     | KTM 25   | 9. Dennis Laliberte               | Hus 39    |
|   | 2. Bill Ainsworth                  | KTM 22  | <ol><li>Steve Ribbe</li></ol>     | KTM 26   | 10. Robert Landry                 | Hon 45    |
|   | 3. Tim Jonelis                     | Kaw 23  | 7. Tom Marchand                   | Hus 34   | Four Stroke                       | )         |
|   | <ol><li>Kevin Howley</li></ol>     | C-A 25  | 8. Bob Young                      | KTM 40   | <ol> <li>Jim Mitchell</li> </ol>  | Hon 14    |
|   | 5. J. Constantino                  | Yam 27  | <ol><li>Bill Wentworth</li></ol>  | Hus 42   | 2. Bob Ellis                      | Hus 20    |
|   | <ol><li>Peter St. Pierre</li></ol> | Yam 32  | <ol><li>Kevin Drew</li></ol>      | KTM ck.10  | 3. Bob Dana                       | Hon 21    |
|   | <ol><li>Ed Bishop</li></ol>        | Yam 35  | Senior                            |  | <ol><li>Pat Wolfe</li></ol>       | Hus 27    |
|   | <ol><li>Dave Dussault</li></ol>    | KTM 36  | <ol> <li>Keith Goodell</li> </ol> | Hus 21   | <ol><li>James Burns</li></ol>     | Hon 34    |
|   | <ol><li>Dennis Byrnes</li></ol>    | Kaw 37  | <ol><li>Bill Johnson</li></ol>    | Hon 22   | <ol><li>Jeff Walker</li></ol>     | Hon 39    |
|   | 10. Eric White                     | Suz 50  | <ol><li>Gordon Razee</li></ol>    | KTM 26   | <ol><li>Dave Dube</li></ol>       | Suz 50    |
|   | Lightweigh                         |   | 4. Bob Lau                        | Kaw 30   | <ol><li>Jerry Shinners</li></ol>  | Hus 59    |
|   | <ol> <li>Russ Stearns</li> </ol>   | KTM 13  | <ol><li>Don Burnett</li></ol>     | Yam 30   | C Class                           |           |
|   | <ol><li>Kemp Stewart</li></ol>     | Hus 14  | <ol><li>John Campetti</li></ol>   | Yam 30   | <ol> <li>Scott Evans</li> </ol>   | KTM 28    |
|   | <ol><li>Ron Stavens</li></ol>      | Kaw 18  | <ol><li>Gary Circosta</li></ol>   | Hus 39   | <ol><li>Gerry Howley</li></ol>    | 37        |
|   | 4. Max Parkes                      | KTM 19  | <ol><li>Roger Schultz</li></ol>   | ATK 40   | <ol><li>Roger Schultz</li></ol>   | ATK 40    |
|   | 5. Steve Antoniou                  | KTM 23  | 9. Charlie McLevy                 | KTM 40   | <ol> <li>Paul Lackovic</li> </ol> | KTM 45    |
|   | 6. Paul Milliken                   | KTM 25  | 10. Brian Szoc                    | Hon 43   | <ol><li>William Martin</li></ol>  | KTM 53    |
|   | 7. Bob White                       | Suz 27  | Veterans                          | 22   | <ol><li>Mike Morse</li></ol>      | KTM 67    |
|   | 8. Gary Circosta Jr.               | Hus 27  | 1. Mark Jenks                     | 23   | 7. Mike Harrison                  | Yam 73    |
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|   | 10. Glen Bauer                     | KTM 35  | 3. Steve Gilmore                  | Hon 28   | 9. Al Ewald                       | Hon ck.10 |
|   | Heavy                              | I/TM 40                                       | 4. Dave Ellingwood                | KTM 30   | 10. Bob O'Donnell                 | KTM ck.6  |
|   | 1. Pat Royer                       | KTM 18  | 5. Tom Vella                      | Hon 34   |                                   |           |
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Things you don't want to think about

## INSURANCE, LIABILITY, AND OTHER UNPLEASANT TOPICS

## How to protect yourself from accidents and theft.

By Dan Anderson

What if...

...Tomorrow morning you go to your garage and discover your dirt bike stolen. Would your homeowner's/renter's insurance cover your loss?

...On the way to the next race, some moron plows into you at an intersection and totals your hauler, your bike, and all your race gear and tools. Would your vehicle insurance cover the damages to your bike and gear if the moron was uninsured?

...While you're practicing at a popular riding area, some zit-faced kid wearing cut-offs and tennis shoes stalls his junkpile minibike in a blind corner and you T-bone him. The next day his mother's lawyer calls and politely asks the name of your lawyer. Do you start experiencing severe anxiety cramps in the vicinity of your wallet?

Insurance is never a popular topic, but in today's world of very expensive dirt bikes and litigious-minded neighbors, it's something that should be given serious thought. Many riders mistakenly assume that their dirt bike is covered, somewhere under all the other household and vehiclepolicies that they pay for through the nose. The sad truth is that off-road

bikes fall through some very big loopholes in household and vehicular insurance policies.

For example, in our first scenario, the stolen bike would not be covered under homeowner or renter insurance because of a loophole in such policies that excludes from coverage any motorized, self

propelled vehicle not used for "maintenanceof property." In other words, your Lawn Boy is covered but your KTM isn't, unless you can prove that you use the bike to pull a lawn mower. The same goes for fire and wind damage. Dirt bikes are not covered under most policies.

How 'bout the situation where your hauler and bike were trashed by an uninsured motorist? Sorry Charlie. That same nasty "self-propelled,



Bad guys love dirt bikes 'cause they're light, hard to trace, and easily resold. Don't make their job easy by leaving your bike unprotected.

motorized vehicle" clause is also included in most vehicle policies, excluding dirt bikes from coverage while they are being hauled in the bed of a pick-up truck or on a trailer. That also means bikes aren't covered if they are stolen from a truck or trailer while they are parked at a motel the night before a race. And if you think the motel's insurance will cover your losses, I've got some ocean front property here in lowa that I'd like to sell you.Liability is a third area where dirt riders are usually left with their fanny unprotected. Most serious riders accept the risk

of bodily injury while riding dirt bikes, and assume that other riders have the same attitude. Wrong! At a sanctioned race, where everyone has signed a liability disclaimer, that may be true. But, at the local play riding area on a Saturday afternoon you may be held liable for every nick and scratch you inflict on another rider's body.

The solution to all these nasty financial nightmares is to spend a few bucks for a separate insurance policy specifically written for your dirt bike. Depending on variables like the

amount of coverage, where you live, your age and the size of your bike, off-road vehicle insurance policies can be purchased for between \$40.00 and \$150.00 dollars per year.

Finding coverage for an off-road vehicle can sometimes be a challenge. The best place to start is with the agent that provides your home and vehicle insurance. If your agent says he can't find ORV insurance for you, look up an Independent insurance agent in the Yellow Pages. A good Independent agent can usually find coverage for your bike with one of the many companies he represents and tailor it to fit your needs. He can help you decide exactly what kind and how much coverage you need to protect your investment.

Minimum coverage usually offers



Would you steal this bike? Neither would anyone else, but it will only take a few minutes to put it in running condition. Riders in high-risk neighborhoods might consider stripping a few essential parts to make their machines look less desirable.

protection against theft, wind and fire damage. A few extra bucks will purchase protection against medical expenses and liability. Popping for a deluxe policy will even offer limited coverage against property damage, which means, if you completely demolish the bike going over a cliff, after you pay \$100.00 deductible, the insurance policy may pay the rest of the repairs.

If all this coverage sounds delightfully reassuring, be forewarned that it is all void while the bike is entered in an "organized" race. The bike is covered on the way to and from such a race, but not while it is on the grounds of the race itself. Apparently some insurance executives have observed the activities at hare scrambles and enduros and wisely decided that they did not want to be responsible for any damage liabilities that might occur during such organized insanity.

Exclusions aside, insurance is a good way to protect your dirt riding investment from loss or damages. It doesn't make the bike go any faster or help you ride any better. But it does"insure" that you will have some money for a new bike should something unpleasant happen to your machine.

#### AN OUNCE OF PROTECTION....

How long does it take to load your dirt bike on a trailer or into a pick-up truck if you're in a hurry? Thirty seconds, a minute? That's exactly how long it would take a thief to lay his hands on your precious dirt machine and whisk it away if he got the chance. You say it won't happen, that dirt bikes aren't a high risk item?

Every month the AMA magazine runs a list of stolen motorcycles, and dirt bikes usually make up better than half that list. Dirt bikes are light, easily loaded, have no keyed ignitions, rarely have traceable licenses (how many of you are using the license plate off a street bike to make your dirt bike "legal"?), and easily resold. Most dirt riders don't even have a record of the serial number of their machine to help identify it in case it is ever recovered. From a thief's point of view, a dirt bike is easy money.

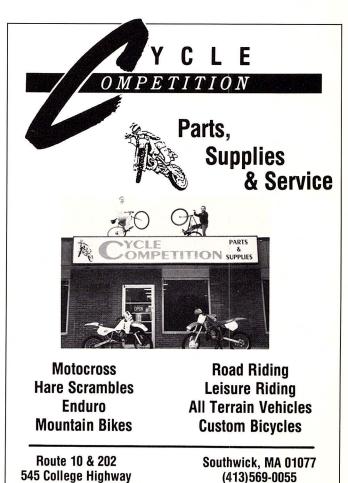
The first step in keeping your dirt bike out of someone else's hands is to not let them know you have it. Leaving the bike strapped to the trailer in front of the garage is like advertising "Steal this bike, please." Even if they don't cut it off the trailer, they'll know that a dirt bike lives there and come back for it later.

Garage windows are nice for letting in light and ventilation, but they are easy access for wouldbe thieves. Curtains over the windows will keep prying eyes from seeing if there is anything worth stealing inside, and livestock fencing panels available at farm supply stores can be cut to size and bolted over the inside of the windows to keep unwanted visitors on the outside.

Locking the garage is an obvious strategy, but a determined thief will probably be able to get in anyway. Simply chaining and padlocking your bike's frame to a wall stud or a sturdy workbench that's bolted to the floor can help deter theft. Another trick to make a thief's job more difficult is to remove the rear wheel. Those of us in the know can take a rear wheel off and put it back on in just a minute or so, so it's no problem for us. A bike sitting on a workstand with the rear wheel off looks pretty useless, and is much less attractive to street scum searching your garage for goodies.

Take some time to look at your garage and motorcycle storage methods from a thief's point of view and then take steps to make his job more difficult. Just a little effort on your part can keep your bike off the AMA's stolen bike list.





## MEXICAN MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE

## Feel like Indiana Jones, but without the danger... if you're prepared!

By Thomas "Doc" Williams

Creel, Mexico

This is-what-our third or fourth story on riding in Mexico? Whatever it is, I guarantee it won't be our last. Mexico is like the last frontier to North Americans-it is easily accessible, and can get just as primative and remote as you dare to take it. You can find glitzy, ultra-zoot tourist traps or Indian tribes that have rarely seen white people or motorcycles.

The climate is also semi-tropical, and that alone would appeal to us north easterners, especially after suffering through another miserable wet winter. So here is another story of a singular "research" trip in Mexico, by Doc Williams and his crew at Mexico Motorcycle Adventures. Yes, he is an advertiser; but his story is extremely interesting, and he recently gave away a couple of trips to NETRA and ECEA award winners, so let's see what his tours are really like....

Whoever said getting there was half the fun was only half right, according to trail guides Eddie Doyle, Andy Smith and Cal Smith of Mexico Motorcycle Adventures, and Thomas "Doc" Williams. These four staff members recently took a reconnaissance trip across the rugged Sierra Madre Occidental from Creel, Chihuahua. Mexico to the Pacific port of Topolobampo south of Los Mochis on the Sea of Cortez. Doc explains the purpose of the

recon is "to find the places we don't want the tour to miss and to identify those we should avoid!

15 December 1989. We arrive in Creel, Chihuahua at 4 p.m. and check in at the Hotel Parador de la Montana y Restaurant. The hotel is a modern facility with 24 hour electricity, telephone, TV, central heat and a complete bar and restaurant. The climate here is much like that in Colorado-cold and clear-at an altitude of 7,700 ft. The population of about 5,000 make a living in the major industries of forestry and tourism. Creel is the last place we'll see other English-speaking people, tourists, long distance telephone, or 24 hour electricity until we get to our destination some 400 trail miles to the southwest.

16 December 1989: We relaxed and enjoyed an easy ride to Cusarare Falls 15 miles south of Creel in the heart of Tarahumara Indian country. One of the most primitive people in North America, the Tarahumara Indians speak a language of the ancient Aztecs and live isolated from modern culture and technology in the high mountains and gorges of the Sierra Madre Occidental in Chihuahua. Despite efforts of missionaries and the Mexican government to improve the living conditions of the Indians, the Tarahumara live much as they have for hundreds of years. A principle part of their social life surrounds long distance foot races, for which they are famous, and corn beer drinkingparties-tesquinadas. The Indians, especially the adults, remain shy and cautious outsiders-particularly gringos motorcycles. As we approached the small villages we turned off the engines and walked our bikes through. We were as curious and fascinated of them as they were of us.

Cusarare Falls is a spectacular 93-foot

waterfall on the Barranca del Cobre (Copper Canyon). Adjacent to the falls is the rustic Copper Canyon Hiking Lodge, a major tourist attraction and more typically Mexican hotel with no electricity. We returned through the scenic Laguna Arareco, site of many Western movies.

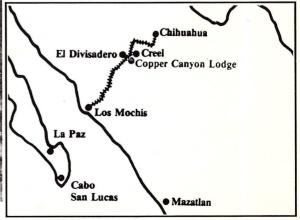
17 December 1989: Our planned departure was delayed by four inches of snow overnight. No riding that day. Just as well...it would have taken dynamite to get Andy out of bed anyway. Not your typical morning person.18 December 1989: Breakfast in the hotel restaurant at 8:00. Actually, we started at 8:00 when the restaurant opened, but the cook had other ideas and it was more like 9:00.

TRAVEL TIP: Leave your timetables at home. Although the sign on the door says "Open at 8:00", the cook will start when he's ready and not one minute before. Learn to relax. We don't want anybody coming home with an ulcer.

We made a gas stop at San Rafael where the local gas station consisted of one 55 gallon drum with a siphon. No Petro signs here-all the locals know where the gas station is and all the tourists are on the train. On the trail we frequently had to take compass readings to guess at the general direction to be taken on the winding mountain roads. We arrived at Cuiteco at 6 p.m. We rented a room heated only by a fireplace, with electricity provided by a local generator from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The room had 3 beds (with springs), one window, no telephone and a real indoor bathroom with shower...if we wanted to start a fire in the wood burning water heater. We chose to spend the night drying clothes and ourselves in front of the fireplace. The temperature that day had stayed between 35 and 45 degrees. The only English speaking person in the community was the manager of the hotel who wrote two letters



Left: Copper Canyon is loaded with scenery unlike anything you're likely to see back home.





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of introduction to other hotel owners on the route.

19 December 1989: Started out after breakfast to find more high-water and mud from the still-melting snow. Another gas stop at Bahuichivo then on to Parajes following the route of the railroad. Lunch at Temoris and gas at a station featuring five 55 gallon drums with a hand pump. On to Chinipas at 3,667 feet where we had supper and met two old friends, Don and Alli, both "international vehicle traders." Don spoke English fairly well, from experience he says he gained while being an illegal alien truck driver in Louisiana for five years (his story is backed up by a liberal sprinkling of familiar, colorful Louisiana cuss words).

The town pharmacist owned the gas station. Again with no signs. We asked the Mexican kids for directions and found that while the adults are reluctant to talk, the kids will take you anywhere in town for a ride on the gas tank. It would be misleading to call our accommodations at Chinipas a "hotel"The Mexicans call it *cuarto se vende* or "room for rent," and that more realistically describes the single room with four cots, no heat, no windows, no TV, no phone, no furniture, no bathroom: four walls! Each room had a blanket that had likely never seen the inside of a washing machine.



Crossing the river at Chinipas. The ferry man would only take bike at a time...I wonder why?

DISCLAIMER PLEASE: This is not the typical accommodation a guest on a MMA tour will be seeing. This is one of the ''places to avoid'' which staff recon on a shoestring is able to identify. Although the accom-modations may have been lacking, the food was superb. We ate meals across the street from the hotel at the private town-home of a rancher where he served some of the best tortillas and steaks ever.

20 December 1989: The next morning we

found that the only way to go on was by using the ferry on the Rio Chinipas. After breakfast, the town kids swarmed the bikes looking for one last ride around the town square. It would be remiss not to mention here that in these small interior towns, 83% of the population is literate because of the influence of the Catholic church and schools, which are found in every town no matter how small. The kids are clean, well-behaved and very helpful.

TRAVEL TIP: Don't try to lighten your load by



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leaving your motorcycle boots behind. Cal did just that and narrowly escaped possible serious injury when a dog who had never seen a gringo or a motorcycle attempted to keep his foot for a souvenir.

The Mexicans helped load the bikes one by one on the "ferry"-a small, flat barge with a maximum load capacity of about 1500 pounds. The ferry man said these were the first motorcycles he had taken across since he started 10 years ago. He would only allow one at a time. After four trips, we arrived on the other side of the Chinipas River and were ready to start out.

Our route included a 7,667-foot mountain, with snow at the top and breathtaking scenery along the way. It was drier up here, with hard dirt and sand fast enough for about 50 mph riding. Just as we thought we had left civilization completely, we came upon a farmhouse. As we approached, the farmer emerged and spoke to us. Then he raised his hand in a signal and his wife came from the house, bringing four chairs and four Pepsi's. As we drank the sodas, and continued talking, his entire family appeared quietly about him until there were twelve or thirteen children. No one in the family spoke but the farmer. The kids were staring at the first white people they had ever seen.

We had only traveled about 125 miles in the

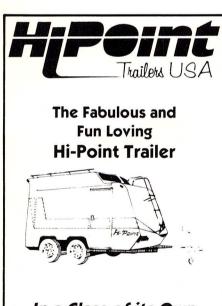
#### WHAT TO BRING TO MEXICO

- 1. Itinerary, map, pen/paper, address book
- One sweatshirt, three long-sleeve shirts, enduro jacket
- Two pair riding pants, kidney belt, three pair long pants, hankerchiefs
- 4. Two riding jerseys, body armor
- 5. Five t-shirts, five pair motorcycle socks, five pair shorts
- 6. Riding boots, tennis shoes, five pair of socks
- 7. Motorcycle helmet, goggles, riding gloves
- 8. Toiletries, sunglasses, camera/film
- 9. Swimsui
- 10. Money: \$60 in one-dollar bills, 15 Mexican 10,000-peso bills
- 11. Passport
- 12. Driver's license
- 13. Credit card
- 14. Mexican Tourist card
- 15. Notarized permission for vehicle with lien to take into Mexico
- 16. Car liability insurance
- 17. Motorcycle liability insurance
- 18. Trailer liability insurance
- 19. Legal insurance
- 20. Evacuation insurance
- 21. Medical insurance
- 22. Medical instructions
- 23. Liability release

- 24. Poncho, Lensatic compass
- 25. Canteen or bike bottle, flashlight
- 26. Backpack with heavy belly strap
- 27. Two fanny bags
- 28. Three-eighths inch nylon rope, 25 feet
- 29. Snake bite kit
- 30. Two towels (one bath, one hand)
- 31. Waterproof matches
- 32. Tools and box, four feet of wire, four zipties
- 33. Motorcycle parts, deer light and battery
- 34. Ultra Polar Shield thermal blanket
- 35. Motorcycle with skid plate

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- 1. U.S. dollar bills in 10's, 20's, 50's, or 100's
- 2. Narcotics
- 3. Firearms or explosives
- 4. Knife no longer than six inches
- Bad attitude towards Mexican people (my friends!)
- 6. No riding skill (you will ride in van)
- 7. Diamonds, gold
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previous two days of riding, but we hit Los Alamos about noon and found pavement, which gave way to 70 mph riding for the rest of the day. We made excellent time on the pavement and were able to make up more than 200 miles on the third day

TRAIL TIP: I chose a soft rubber tire (Cheng Shin-Metzeler copy) because they feature an enduro tread for mud and the soft rubber sticks well on pavement. Just don't lean over in the turns on pavement. When we get finished with the trip, so is the tire.

NEWS FLASH: We find out via satellite news at the hotel that Americans have invaded Panama. Have we missed anything else? The hotel at Los Mochis is a tropical. Acapulco-style place on the coast with pools, squash courts, real telephones, central heat and HOT WATER. Needless to say, we were ready for bed right after a shower.

21 December 1989: We found the train station first thing, to find out how to get back to Creel with the motorcycles. Found out the passenger train leaves at 7 a.m., but the freight train has to be loaded by 5 a.m., even though it won't leave until 9 a.m. The freight clerk told us there would be room on the fresh fish boxcar.

We spend the rest of the day riding down to the coastal city of Topolobampo hoping to go deep sea fishing, but since there were no tourists, there were no fishing charters. We settled for a boat ride in the Sea of Cortez. Later we took the village kids for the mandatory motorcycleta ride. We had a memorable seafood dinner at a local restaurant.

STORY WITH A MORAL: Doc always carries his tourist papers and his money separately. Somewhere along the way, his wallet is lifted but he still has his papers. In Topolobampo, while on foot, we came across a Mexican immigration officer who demanded to see

papers (he was showing off). Fortunately we had them. Tourists should carry papers at all times.



22 December 1989: Every one is up at 4 a.m. (even Andy) to load the bikes on the freight train. (Hint: bring tie downs with you) Doc's electrical problems have finally caught up with him and his bike won't start. We towed his bike to the train and loaded them all on the boxcar full of fresh fish from the Sea of Cortez. By the time the motorcycles reached Creel they smelled like fish.

We boarded the passenger train and again



Above: Your basic one-drum Mexican gas station. Make sure you have a good fuel filter installed in your gas line!

Left: The best Restaurant in Chinipas. Mama cooks the tortillas on the hearth while Papa poses with a voung'un.

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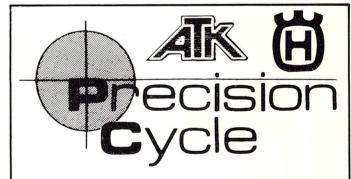
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Item B: Dirty Fanny Bag (leave on your motorcycle)Four main jets, jet wrench, two spark plugs, spark plug wrench, folding pocket screwdrivers (philips), folding pocket knife, folding allen wrench set, two 8-inch Vise Grips, six sockets and ratchet, four combination wrenches, four feet of mechanic's wire, roll of duct tape, four zip ties, one hand towel (roll tools up in it, use for drop

Item C: Backpack (must have belly strap; leave on bike)Swimsuit, poncho, enduro jacket, bath towel, snake bite kit, deer light and 6-volt battery, tennis shoes, sweatshirt, thermal blanket, matches, nylon rope, tire tools, half-roll of toilet paper pressed flat, two motorcycle tubes (both sizes), MS Racing CO2

Item D: Duffel Bag (leave in van or hotel)Three pair long pants, three long sleeve shirts, five t-shirts, five shorts, toiletries.

Item E: Tool Box (leave in hotel)

Item F: Laundry Bag (leave in hotel)Souvenirs, liquor, dirty clothes.

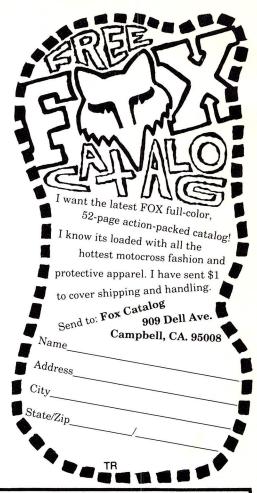
Item G: Motorcycle. Well maintained, with skid plate and gorilla snot in tire tubes.

met the tourists from Europe who were enthusiastic about their trip and incredulous about ours. The passengers were two-thirds Mexican and one-third from every other place in

We arrived at Creel about 3 p.m., and waited for the motorcycles to arrive at 6. Fortunately, we were able to load them onto the trailer and not have to put them inside the van. We settled in for the 22 hour drive back home, where everything is frozen.

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## DISTRICT FOUR ENDURO BANQUET

#### **Rich Dool takes** top honors upstate

By John Oechsle

Olean, NY

On February third, AMA District 4 held it's annual Enduro Awards Banquet at the beautiful Castle Inn in Olean, New York. 125 riders attended, the largest turnout ever. Featured was Ed Hertfelter, the writer of "Duct Tapes" and possibly the "worst endurorider" on the East Coast.

After the buffet dinner, Ed talked to the gathering on his experiences as an enduro rider and writer. Ed assisted in the awards presentations of jackets and plaques, and videos were also shown of Ed's recent trail ride in Mexico. Thanks to many sponsors there also were about 150 nice door prizes given out.

Left: Rich Dool accepts the District Four Overall Championship awards from Ed Hertfelder. Rich is the one with hair.

Right: Wait a minute! What is this, some kind of bad dream or something? No. it's a second-place Super Senior Bob Young-- The one with **more** hair!

#### **Grand Champion** Rich Dool

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Paul Kessel **High Point B** 

#### Jeff Post High Point C

#### Mark Johnson A-Expert

- 1. Jake Todd
- 2. Dan Rock
- 3. Ray Davis
- 4. Bill Hayes 5. Hank Tarr
- 6. Rudy Abersold

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- 1. Craig Seelv
- 2. Marty Crippen
- 3. Rodney Wadhams
- 4. Stan Po
- 5. Ron Walf
- 6. Dave Lunden
- 7. Jim Geise
- 8. Dan Kirsch
- 9. Kelvin Hill
- 10. Gary Lockwood
- 11. Michael Doyle

#### 30 + A Class

- 1. Thomas Homes
- 2. Andy VanCamp

#### The 1989 final District standings are:

- 3. Jeff Darrow
- 4. Terry Bulman

#### Senior A Class

- 1. Mike Lauterborn
- 2. Brian Everdyke
- 3. Joe Noto
- 4. Ray Goulet
- 5. Gary Bulman

#### **B** Class

- 1. Jarod Bierly
- 2. Len Baltimore
- 3. Brian Russell
- 4. Tim Wizeman
- 5. William Wade
- 6. Howie Albrecht
- 7. John Oechsle Jr.
- 8. Dave Ackler
- 9. Eric Mundt
- 10. Tim Moore
- 11. Steve Darcengelis
- 12. Ken Bailey
- 13. Jeff Spada
- 14. David DeKay
- 15. Doug Everdyke
- 16. Scott Williams
- 17. Jack Vanderpool
- 18. Dan Johnson
- 19. John Turk 30 + B Class

- 1. Roy Duffy
- 2. Roger Butterfield
- 3. George Marrer

#### Senior B Class

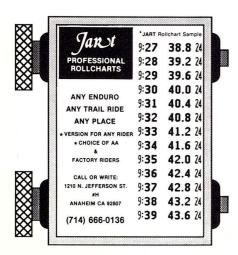
- 1. John Oechsle Sr
- 2. Lou Vardabash
- 3. James Gizowski
- 4. Ed Pitz
- 5. Lee Johnson
- 6. Doug Black
- 7. Ronald Clark
- **Super Senior Class**

#### 1. Ken Pellor

- 2. Bob Young
- 3. Bill Strickland
- C Class
- 1. Bob Boyle
- 2. Todd Albrecht
- 3. Steve Weber
- 4. Darrin Russell
- 5. Davin Measic
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#### 1990 CANNONDALE SM400 MOUNTAIN BIKE

## High value in a low-priced off-road machine

By Wally Tunison

When we here at *Trail Rider* receive a spec sheet about a test bike we often check the manufacturer's claims of price and weight first, and then the remaining claims can be physically seen on the bicycle. Price is sometimes given as "around \$XXX" to give dealers a chance to make a reasonable margin or to compensate for soon to be announced price increases from the distributor.

Weight, on the other hand has always been a "untruth" between manufacturers, to allow them to claim to have the "lightest bike at the best price" in the industry. They then sidestep the issue when questioned why your 20-inch bike weighs one to two pounds more than claimed in the catalog by informing you that they weighed the 15.5 model with 24" wheels on a pre-production run in Taiwan on a metric scale! Well...you get the idea.

Now why did you just receive the price/weight 101 lesson? Because we are talking Grandma, apple pie, and Cannondale here! Yup; made in America, troops. An American made, 7000-series aluminum Cannondale frame in the 20" size weighs 3.6 pounds. That's as heavy as two cans of chain lube or a little more than 14 Quarter Pounders

(uncooked weight, of course)! It's a full pound lighter than the next aluminum frame bicycle; called the Klein, and its also an American bike. Cannondale makes their bikes in Bedford, PA, at a state of the art "hand built" oriented facility. The frame comes in a full race, straight top-tube version, and a high

performance slant top-tube version for allaround type of riding. We tested the straight tube version with the lower bottom bracket. This bike is part of the 3.0 series of Cannondale mountain bikes. "3.0" designates the weight Cannondale was aiming for and achieved on the road bikes. The technology was then applied to the mountain bikes, when, lo and behold, they came within a hair of achieving the three-pound weight of the road frame sets. Cannondale, Left: If a bicycle can be fast, the Cannondale is one quick machine. Scott could hardly keep it on the ground.

Below: The Cannondale's large diameter aluminum tubing makes for a strong but responsive machine.



being honest, gave the actual weight of 3.6 pounds to the public.

The XCM Suntour-equipped SM400 is the entry level mountain bike from Cannondale. It carries three major Japanese manufacturer's equipment aboard. It comes equipped with a Sugino crankset, DiaCompe brakes, and a selection of far eastern and European components. Although a seeming hodgepodge of parts, each component was selected to give

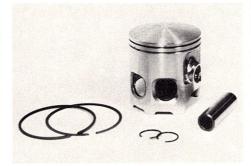


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The front derailleur shifter is similar in layout, but works the levers opposite of the rear derailleur system. It is not exactly indexed,



Gengis Wally decked out in Cannondale's best.

#### THEY DON'T WEAR HI-POINTS, DO THEY?

What do you wear when you're mountain biking? Motorcycle riding pants and jacket? Not unless you're really into sweat. Plain shorts? You'll freeze in the winter and die of monkey butt. The problem is, riding a bicycle is serious work, unless you get someone else to pedal, and even a casual pedal will have you drenched in perspiration, so you've got to invest in some specialized clothes.

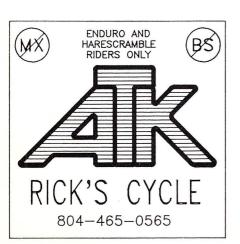
Cannondale also happens to manufacture bicycle riding clothes, and we got to try some of it out. Called "Shred Threads" by the Cannondale people, they are to mountain biking what MS Racing Gore Tex is to dirt bike riding. For cold weather riding, Wally here would feel naked without a pair of Turbotights on. They're made to fit a human who's pedaling, and are constructed from nylon Lycra so they stretch in every direction. They have ankle bands to keep them from riding up your leg, and a drawstring waist. If you feel uncomfortable about wearing tights, try them in a crowd of similarly dressed riders. Once you get used to them, you're hooked. In summer, we wear shorts of the same material.

Getting some kind of a jacket to keep you warm during winter pedaling is a real problem, but Cannondale has that licked as well. We tried the Shred Threads Anorak, a pullover made out of soft Supplex nylon that cuts the wind and fends off thorns. On the back and under the arms, the Anorak uses Polartek fleece for maximum breathability.

In the photo, Wally is wearing a Cannondale Team Issue jacket, which is made for colder weather than the pullover. The Team jacket uses a solid Polarlite fleece back for breathability, and a covered front zipper for maximum windproofing.

With either of these jackets, you can *feel* the technology that went into them. You sweat, but you don't get soaked, and you can pedal a bike without getting pinched and bound by your clothes. So they *don't* wear typical motorcycle gear when they pedal-they've got something better!







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however there is a slight detent feel when it reaches the middle chaining position. The sweetest part of it's operation is that it can be adjusted with a push of your thumb to remove the annoying front derailleur rub that usually accompanies wide geared mountain bikes.

Riding the SM400 gave an impression of very quick response to each pedal stroke we put into it. If it's possible to call a mountain bike "fast", this bike is fast. Also, the light, responsive climbing allowed us to last longer much longer on marathon rides. When riding aluminum mountain bikes, some people claim to feel a stiff, deadness to the ride. The Cannondale has eliminated this feeling by oversizing the tubing and decreasing the wall thickness on key parts of the frame, restoring a responsive feel. The Chromoly Unicrown fork doesn't flex at all, which is just what you want it to do.

If we were just starting out riding our mountain bikes for the first time and the Cannondale SM-400 was introduced to the market as a full blown racing bike at twice the price, we would be doing back flips to get one. By having the SM-400 available as a sub-\$500 hand crafted machine, Cannondale should sell them by the fistfull. It's a good bike.

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**Start:** Northern New Jersey. Take Route 80 to Route 206 north to Waterloo Road. Follow arrows to start. Sign-up will be open Saturday from 3:00 P.M. until dark, and Sunday at 6:00 A.M.

**Entry Fee:** Motorcycle club members \$20 Pre-entry, \$25 Post-entry. **Non-motorcycle club members \$30 Pre-Entry, \$35 Post-entry.** Ridge Riders M.C. feels that off-road motorcyclists should work towards the perpetuation of our sport and can best do so by being a member of a club—hence the dual entry fee, as an encouragement to join a club! CLUB MEMBERS: BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD OR CLUB ROSTER.

Make checks payable to Ridge Riders M.C. and mail entry to: Ridge Riders

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All entrants must be 18 years old or older. Riders will be required to sign a waiver and release at the event.

Starting Position: Will be determined by a drawing on May 3, 1989. Entries received after this date will be assigned a number following all pre-entries. A & B riders attached to C rider entries will be drawn with the C riders.

Confirmation of starting number and other information will be mailed following the drawing.

Requirements: All riders must have a valid motorcycle license. All bikes must have a license plate and firmly attached spark arrestor. There will be a tech inspection Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. All entrants must have a valid AMA card and ECEA enduro license. ECEA license may be obtained only on Saturday, there is no fee. Holders of NETRA or other association cards will be issued a comparable ECEA card. New riders must check "C"class on entry.

**Camping:** Available free at start grounds May 13 and May 14. There is no water or hookups available.

**Food:** Food will be offered by local Boy Scout troops on Saturday afternoon, with breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

**Course:** The course will consist of typical North Jersey trail, with 18 and 24 mph sections. Land is hard to keep for this event, so PLEASE no riding before or after the event. We have permission to use the land for one day only.

**Information:** Call Tom Smith at (201)729-9764 after 5 P.M. for more information. Please limit calls.

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| Phone (area code) ECEA No  | Signature Vehicle No   |  |  |  |
| AMA No Expires:  | Witness  |  |  |  |
| AMA Club Name:   | Address  |  |  |  |
| Bike Make: Displacement: Rider's Class (check one)                           | Participant under 18 must have notarized parent/guardian signature!  |  |  |  |
| AA A B C Senior A (40 +) Senior B (40 +) Women                               | Parent/Gry, no riders under 18 Sorry, no riders under 18   |  |  |  |
| Super Senior A (50 +) Super Senior B (50 +) 4-Stroke A 4-Stroke B 4-stroke C | Notary Commission Expires  |  |  |  |

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## GREEN MARBLE ENDURO

**June 3, 1990 Keytime 8:00** A.M.

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**Pre-entry \$22, Post-entry \$25** Drawing is on May 25, 1990, starting positions will be confirmed by mail. C riders will be drawn last. Mail application with payment to:

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You must have a valid motorcycle operator's license, an AMA card, and ECEA card to enter. Riders under 18 must have parent's notarized consent. AMA cards and ECEA cards are available at sign-up on Saturday and Sunday. All bikes must be Maryland street legal with two mirrors, valid license plate and registration, secure muffler with spark arrester and must pass a sound test.

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| CityState           Zip   | I know the risks of danger to myself and my property while participating in the event and while upon the event premises and, relying on my own judgment and ability, assume all such risks of loss and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons and organizations connected with this event for damages incurred as a result of my negligence.  |  |  |  |  |
| Phone (area code)   | Signature   |  |  |  |  |
| ECEA No   | Vehicle No.   |  |  |  |  |
| AMA No Expires:   | Witness   |  |  |  |  |
| AMA Club Name:  | Address   |  |  |  |  |
| Bike Make: Displacement:  | Participant under 18 must have  |  |  |  |  |
| Rider's Class (check one)   | notarized parent/guardian signature!  |  |  |  |  |
| AA  | Parent/Guardian Signature (sign in ink)   |  |  |  |  |
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**Starting Position:** Will be determined by a drawing on May 17, 1990. Entries received after drawing will be treated as post entries. Absolutely no phone entries accepted.

**Requirements:** All riders must have a valid motorcycle operator's license. All bikes must have a license plate and a firmly attached spark arrestor, headlight and tail light. All entrants must have a valid AMA card and an ECEA enduro license. The ECEA license may be obtained the day **before** the enduro **only**. There is no fee for this test.

There will be a tech inspection Saturday 6—8 PM & Sunday 7 AM on—be prepared!

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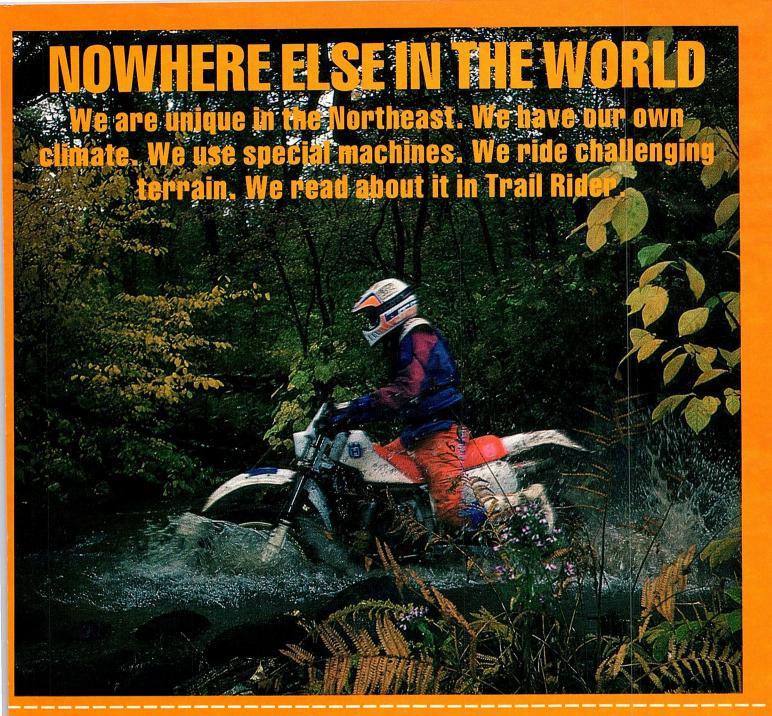


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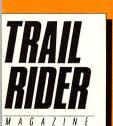
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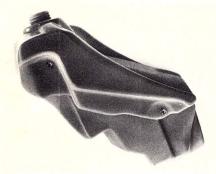
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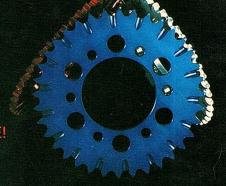
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